SAINTPAULMINNESOTA

The most livable city in America



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Saint Paul Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

Chris Coleman was elected Mayor of Saint Paul, Minnesota in 2005 and took office in January 2006. He is an attorney, former investment advisor, and longtime community leader. Prior to his election as Mayor, he served on the Saint Paul City Council from 1997 until 2004.

Mayor Coleman is a third-generation resident of Saint Paul. He is one of six children from an Irish-American family with deep roots in Democratic politics in Minnesota. His late father, Nick Sr., was a legendary Majority Leader in the Minnesota State Senate during the 1970s.

Mayor Coleman was elected over a sitting Mayor in 2005 with 69% of the vote. Since taking office, his administration has focused on improving education for all children in the city, making Saint Paul a leader in environmental sustainability, and balancing the city's budget while improving service to residents.

Key accomplishments of Mayor Chris Coleman's first two years in office:

- Winning the opportunity to host the 2008 Republican National Convention over larger cities, including Cleveland, New York City, and Tampa-St. Petersburg.
- Balancing the city's \$600 million annual budget and setting the city on a course for financial stability.
- Establishing Saint Paul as a national leader in sustainable, urban living by "acting locally" to help reverse the negative effects of global warming.
- Achieving agreement to move forward in the 25-year effort to build the Central Corridor Light Rail Line between downtown Saint Paul and downtown Minneapolis.
- Focusing city resources on assuring that all Saint Paul children have access to effective education.
- Investing in the revitalization of four key neighborhood commercial districts through the Invest Saint Paul Initiative.

Contact:

Bob Hume, Communications Director, Office of the Mayor

Cell: 651-247-0768 E-mail: Bob.Hume@ci.stpaul.mn.us